



BROADBANDUSA
CONNECTING AMERICA'S COMMUNITIES



- > BTOP funding and installation of computers advertised in local paper and on Facebook; librarian informs patrons that downloads will be faster.
- > Branch librarian writes a monthly column for her local newspaper - letting patrons know what books are available and gives her favorite pick of the month. Hours are also listed.
- > Branch librarian gives out pens and pencils at the circulation desk.

Big Sandy Branch Choteau County Library

BTOP Public Computing Center Goals and Objectives

Montana's project promotes three BTOP statutory purposes:

- 1) provide improved access to broadband service to consumers residing in underserved areas of the country;
- 2) provide broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment, and support to libraries; and,
- 3) stimulate the demand for broadband, economic growth, and job creation.

Objectives

- 1) increase broadband speeds at participating libraries up to 21 mbps;
- 2) cut wait times in half by increasing the total number of workstations and expanding library operation hours;
- 3) improve access by purchasing ADA compliant software, hardware, and furniture, and through minor renovation projects aimed at increasing accessibility of computing center facilities;
- 4) offer courses to increase computer literacy; and
- 5) provide Internet and library resources to rural Montana using a mobile computer lab.

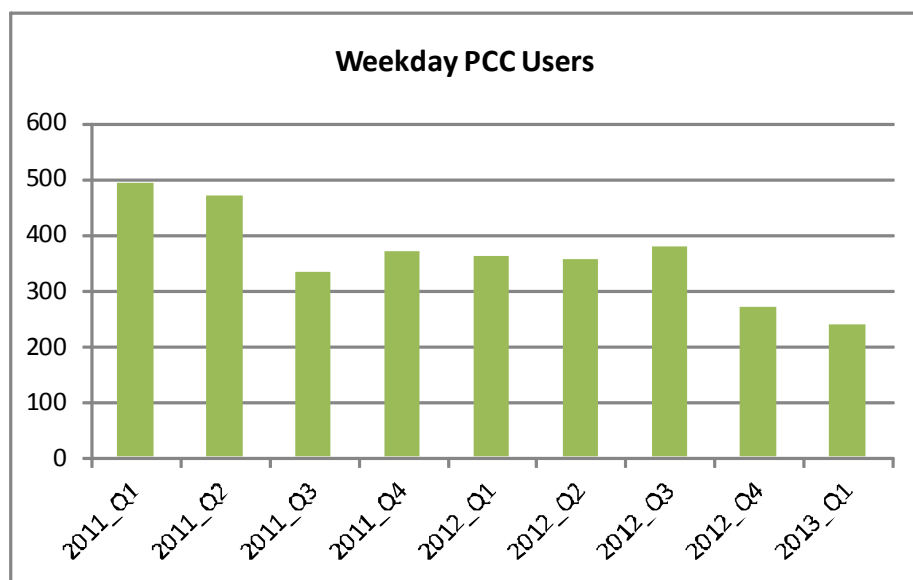
Successes

Internet Service Provider	Original Broadband Speed	Current Speed (mbps)
Triangle Telephone Company	6.00	6.00

Big Sandy Branch Library Computing Center Now Offers...

- ◆ 3 desktop computers
- ◆ ZoomText 10 low vision software
- ◆ ZoomText Camera with stand
- ◆ 1 low dexterity mouse
- ◆ 1 low vision keyboard
- ◆ 2 headphone sets
- ◆ 1 LaserJet printer
- ◆ iPad
- ◆ Kindle Keyboard
- ◆ Kindle Fire
- ◆ Nook Tablet
- ◆ Samsung Galaxy Tab
- ◆ Google Nexus

Public Computer Center Usage



Benefitting from Technology Training

Length of Program (per hour basis)	Number of Patron Training Hours	Number of Library Staff Training Hours
9.67	33	4